

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary  
Utah - Sage Grouse Initiative**

<b>Program:</b> WHIP 2008	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Utah - Sage Grouse Initiative		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>		<b>Telephone</b>
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	40 Point(s)
1. b. Address and support existing conservation initiatives such as but not limited to the following or new conservation initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans: Sage Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Longleaf Pine, New England-New York Forestry	40 Point(s)
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	20 Point(s)
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	20 Point(s)
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	20 Point(s)
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	20 Point(s)
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	20 Point(s)
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	15 Point(s)
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	10 Point(s)
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	10 Point(s)
1. k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for prioritized wildlife?	15 Point(s)

Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	20 Point(s)

#### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Habitat Priority Areas	
1. Is the application located in a Priority 1 area?	150 Point(s)
2. Is the application located in a Priority 2 area?	100 Point(s)
3. Is the application located in a Priority 3 area?	50 Point(s)
4. Is the application located in the Historic range of either the Greater or Gunnison Sage- Grouse species?	25 Point(s)
Enrolled Acreage	
5. The Application enrolls 100% of all eligible sagebrush/grass land acres?	100 Point(s)
6. The Application enrolls equal to or greater than 50% of all eligible sagebrush/grass land acres?	50 Point(s)
7. The Application enrolls less than 50% of all eligible sagebrush/grass land acres	25 Point(s)
Percent of threats Identified	
8. Application addresses 100% of the identified threat	100 Point(s)
9. Application addresses greater than or equal to 75% of the identified threats?	75 Point(s)
10. Application addresses greater than or equal to 50% of the identified threats?	50 Point(s)
11. Application addresses less than 50% of the identified threats	25 Point(s)

#### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Have any partners (UDWR, USFWS, Nature Conservancy, Etc.) committed in writing to provide financial and technical assistance to the project?	40 Point(s)
2. Will the Applicant install all practices within 3 years of signing the contract?	20 Point(s)
3. Does the contract address control of invasive species as identified by State, County, or local governments as being a noxious species?	30 Point(s)
4. Does the project address a specific component of the Sage-Grouse local working group plan?	60 Point(s)

**Land Use:**

**Grazed Range;**

**Wildlife;**

**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:

Local Issues:

State Issues:

National Issues:

**Final Ranking Score:**

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<b>NRCS Representative:</b>	<b>Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b>
<b>Signature Date:</b>	<b>Signature Date:</b>



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